

September 15, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS

FROM: Donald C. Norseth

RE: Over-Pumpage in Milford Valley

A hearing was held on the water use over four acre-feet per acre of land Wednesday, September 10, 1969, at 9:00 a.m. in the Beaver County Court-house. At the hearing it was pointed out that the State Engineer had been distributing the water in the Escalante Valley since 1959 and that the hearing on September 10 was in regard to those people who had exceeded the four acre-feet per acre limitation.

After the brief opening meeting, each water user was interviewed individually to ascertain the facts and to allow him ample time to present any factors that might have an effect on his usage over four acre-feet per acre.

Table one is a summary of these interviews:

Water User	Water Right in Acres	Irr. Lands 1969 in Acres		Remarks
		Acs.	Crops	
1. Waldo (Duane) Yardley	355.17	250 <u>120</u> 370	hay grain total	Duane Yardley stated: 1. He has 374 acs. of irr. right. 2. That he does not believe his meters are correct. 3. His pumps are deli- vering only about 1/2 the flow they normally do.
2. McCoy Williams	196.33	100 80 56	alfalfa grain (new alfalfa) grain	

Water User	Water Right in Acres	Irr. Lands 1969 in Acres Acs. Crops		Remarks
Wayne Wiseman	408.20	88	grain	Still has 575 ac.ft. to pump.
		290	hay	
	87.11	30	grain	40 ac.ft. over-pumped
		35	alfalfa	
		15	young alfalfa	
Leo Mayer (Billy Dalton operator)	133.50	40	potatoes	Over-pumped 110 ac.ft.
		35	alfalfa	
		63	grain	
	71.16	-----		Still has 66 ac.ft. to pump.
George Smith (Kent)	48.51	42	alfalfa	Over-pumped 7.50 ac.ft.
George Smith (Kent)	34.61	14	grain	Still has 21 ac.ft. to pump.
		26	alfalfa	
	38.85	38	corn & potatoes	Still has 51 ac.ft. to pump.
James Moore (Narsue buying)	67	(Applies to all)		Still has 36 ac.ft. to pump.
		80	alfalfa	
		85	potatoes	
		20	corn	
		97	grain	
Narsue	78			Over-pumped 19 ac.ft.
Narsue	38			Over-pumped 4 ac.ft.
Narsue	57			Over-pumped 54 ac.ft. Has done some leveling and ditch lining and would like a check of his meters.

Water User	Water right in Acres	Irr. Lands 1969 in Acres		Remarks
		Acs.	Crops	
Orin Puffer	115	95	alfalfa	Over-pumped 163 ac.ft. A check shows that one meter does not properly record and an adjustment was made. He has lev- eled his land and has installed ditch lining.
		20	barley	
E. F. Jeppson	154	100	alfalfa	Over-pumped 99 ac.ft. Does not think his meters are registering right and would like a check.
		10	potatoes	
James Mayer	354	181	alfalfa	He has 3 farms. On the 1st farm he still has 90 ac.ft. to pump. On the 2nd farm he has over-pumped 2 ac.ft. On the 3rd farm he has 108 ac.ft. to pump.
		50	new alfalfa	
		96	grain	
Nelson Stott	36	18	young alfalfa	He has over-pumped 56 ac.ft. It is noted that he has a job and is farming on the side for a supplemental in- come.

Note: It was noted that William Powell, Elbert Applegate and Theodore Rimpau did not appear at the hearing. Their water use is similar to the others.